

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on March 22, 2007  
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Roy Brown (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Don Ryan (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 497, 3/19/2007; HB 770,  
3/19/2007; HB 741, 3/19/2007; HB  
756, 3/19/2007;  
Executive Action: HB 497, HB 770, HB 741, HB 756

00:04:29 Sen. Jackson

**HEARING ON HB 497**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:05:24 **REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI (D), HD 63**, opened the hearing on **HB 497**, Allow APRN & PA to endorse disabled hunter permit.

**Proponents:**

00:07:34 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

00:09:18 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:10:41 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:11:05 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:38 Sen. Ryan to Bob Lane, FWP

00:13:40 Sen. Balyeat to Rep. Pomnichowski

00:14:54 Bob Lane, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:22 Rep. Pomnichowski

**HEARING ON HB 770**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:22 **REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI (D), HD 63**, opened the hearing on **HB 770**, Revise fish, wildlife, and parks laws re disabled certification.

**Proponents:**

00:18:37 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Staff, Department of Fish,  
Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**EXHIBIT**(bus61a01)

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:48 Sen. Jackson to Bob Lane, FWP

00:21:30 Sen. Jackson to Jim Kropp, Chief Law Enforcement, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:33 Rep. Pomnichowski

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 497**

00:23:42 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that HB 497 BE  
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 770**

00:24:19 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. TROPILA moved that HB 770 BE  
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:30:46 Break

**HEARING ON HB 741**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:44 **REP. LLEW JONES (R), HD 27,** opened the hearing on **HB 741,** Nondiscrimination in payment for equivalent health services.

**Proponents:** None.

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:34 Rep. Jones

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 741**

00:46:26 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that HB 741 BE TABLED.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**HEARING ON HB 756**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:45 REP. LLEW JONES (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 756, Revise workforce training grant eligibility.

**EXHIBIT** (bus61a02)

**Proponents:**

00:50:57 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce (DOC)

**EXHIBIT** (bus61a03)

00:53:22 Tony Preite, Director, DOC

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:04 Sen. Balyeat to Rep. Jones

01:02:37 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:07:01 Sen. Smith to Tony Preite, DOC

01:11:56 Sen. Balyeat to Tony Preite, DOC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:01 Rep. Jones

01:18:29 **Motion:** SEN. SMITH moved that HB 756 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

01:18:46 Sen. Balyeat

01:19:16 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:20:34 Sen. Squires

01:21:48 Sen. Ryan

01:22:31 Sen. Balyeat

01:23:04 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA CALLED THE QUESTION ON  
HB 756. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with SEN.  
BALYEAT voting no.

**Discussion:**

01:24:24 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:26:08 Pat Murdo, LSD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:25 A.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

VC/cj

Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([bus61aad.pdf](#))**